



# Lake Park Villager

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## GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center and are open to the public.

- Apr 29** 7:00 PM Annual Village Budget Meeting  
**May 15** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission  
**May 20** 7:00 PM Council Meeting  
**May 26** Memorial Day - Village Office Closed  
**May 27** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS** OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

**-ALL POOLS** POOL ADMISSION FEES OR PASSES REQUIRED  
POOLS OPEN MAY 24 THRU LABOR DAY 10-8 MON-SAT, NOON-8 SUN  
**-TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURTS** FREE: LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR

**MOVIE IN THE PARK (FREE)** SPONSORED BY HOA  
MAY 2 - STARTS AT DUSK (RAIN DATE MAY 3) TOWN CENTER PARK

**SPRING LITTER SWEEP** SPONSORED BY PARKS & RECREATION  
MAY 3 - 9:00 - 11:00 AM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**PRIMARY DAY** COUNTY & STATE CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT  
MAY 6 -- 6:30 AM TIL 7:30 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**LAKE PARK HOA BOARD MEETING** ALL HOMEOWNERS WELCOME  
MAY 6 - 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAYS: BULK ITEM PICKUP WITH NORMAL COLLECTION**  
MAY 8 - 7:00 AM WASTE PRO PICKS UP FURNITURE ONCE/MONTH

**LAKE PARK SINGLES** AGES 45+  
MAY 8 - 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING** 704-882-9692  
MAY 8 -- 7:30 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**FIRST & FOURTH FUN FRIDAYS** CREATION CAFÉ  
MAY 2- 10:00 AM BREAKFAST, MAY 23 - 12:00 NOON LUNCH

**CENTRAL ACADEMY AT LAKE PARK**  
MAY 16 - 10:00 AM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

**SAGES** LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
MAY 5 - 1:00 PM CARD GAMES 882-6906  
MAY 9 - 7:00 PM GAMES 882-2005  
MAY 19 - 11:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 882-6906

**VILLAGER NEWSLETTER** IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY JUN 3  
MAY 23 ITEMS DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

**GARDEN CLUB** LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
MAY 19- 5:00 PM LAKE PARK GARDENS WALKING TOUR & MEETING

## Girls on the Run 5k Apr 26

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual running of the 3.1 mile (5k) race sponsored by Girls on the Run will start at 8 am on Meeting Street in Town Center. The traditional route loops along the center of Creft, Conifer, Alden and Mother Teresa. Extra deputies will be on hand to make sure that vehicle traffic waits to allow the runners to safely maintain momentum on the roadways. Approximately 1200 runners of all ages are registered at [www.girlsontherununioncounty.org](http://www.girlsontherununioncounty.org). The race ends at 10 am at Town Center where prizes will be awarded to the winners.

## Memorial Day Ceremony

All are welcome to the Lake Park's first Memorial Day ceremony, 11 am - 12N at Veterans Park (the pond park nearest Faith United Methodist Church) to honor our veterans Monday May 26. Guest speakers, the Indian Trail VFW Color Guard and music are planned. The U.S. flag will be raised on a new pole donated by Garden Club. Contact; [ashley.dance@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ashley.dance@carolina.rr.com).

## Lake Park has a New Mayor

### Four Candidates Seek to Serve on Council

David Cleveland was sworn in as Village Mayor by Village Administrator Cheri Clark, and he swore in Sandy Coughlin as Mayor Pro Tem, before a packed Community Center Chamber at the April 8 Council Meeting. Both were nominated and appointed by Council March 11. The next Mayor election is November 2015.

Residents Wayne Daniels, Janey Doerner, Guy Eboh, and Pam Jack announced their desire to serve Lake Park in the one Council seat vacated by David Cleveland. They offered their background and reasons to Village Council at the April 8 Council meeting. Council will nominate and vote to appoint one of these four at the May 20 Council meeting.

## Pool Pass Early Sales

Anyone purchasing a season pass on or before Saturday May 3 will get 5 free guest passes with their purchase. The Community Center will be open that one Saturday only, 9am - noon for anyone who may not be able to purchase a pass during normal weekday business hours (Monday - Friday 9am - noon).

## Lake Park Village Government Call List

**Website:** [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov)

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**Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood**  
**Call 911** to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.  
For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591  
[officer@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:officer@lakeparknc.gov)

## Waste Collection Recap

Having completed negotiations with Waste Pro and Lake Park's Waste Collection Review Committee, Council voted to approve the 5-year contract on April 8. Any remaining Covenant carts will be removed by Waste Pro if GBUSA has not already collected them.

**NEW BULK WASTE RULE:** Waste Pro will pick up "bulk" waste (chairs, desks, old furniture items) on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays only. They will pick up all garbage, yard debris, electronics and appliances every Thursday.

**NEW HOLIDAY RULE:** When a holiday falls on a Friday, Thursday pickups will not be affected. If the holiday falls before Friday, Waste Pro will pick up on Friday instead of Thursday. Their holidays: Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

## Officers Thank You

**False alarms** dropped in March from a February high. Two in March were at the same Faith Church address. Specific addresses and property owner names are provided to Council every month. Thank you to all who use and manage their systems successfully.

**Public parks close** from dusk to dawn. Our deputies monitor the parks to ensure they are empty after dark.

## Catch & Release Fishing

Lake Park ponds are stocked with fish that help to control the vegetation and are not recommended eating. All caught fish must be released back into the pond, not carried out. Get a 2014 permit, and a list of authorized ponds, at the Community Center weekdays 9am – 12 noon. Adults also need a NC license from [www.ncwildlife.org/Licensing/HuntingFishing](http://www.ncwildlife.org/Licensing/HuntingFishing).

## Purple Heart City

Seven members of the Matthews chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Charter 634 attended the April 8 Council meeting to express their support for Lake Park adopting a resolution honoring the sacrifice of veterans who have been injured in combat in defense of our nation. The MOPH expressed their appreciation and declared Lake Park a 'Purple Heart City'. Lake Park veterans present were David Cleveland, Bob Haegele, Sean Lowther and Doyle Waybright.

## Spring Is Here...

**Litter Sweep Volunteers:** Parks & Recreation invites everyone who would like to spend just 2 hours on this year's litter sweep to meet at the Community Center 9:00 am Saturday May 3. Bags, gloves and instructions will be provided. Teens, need service hours? Join in!

**Renovating?** Zoning permits are needed for a new roof, additions to a house, decks, storage buildings. Once approval is received by the HOA, residents are to check with the Zoning Administrator 704-841-VOLP and apply for the zoning permit for everything except painting before beginning their project.

## EDC: Economic Development

♦ **Creation Café** is open Sat-Sun 7am-3pm, serving breakfast till 11am. Tue-Fri hours are 11am-7pm at 6120 Creft Circle. Owner Adam Bryant offers a new weekend breakfast item: The Park Omelet.

♦ **Prism Properties Development** sponsored a children's Spring Coloring Contest. Entries were displayed in PPD's Meeting Street office windows at Town Center. Votes for the winners were underway and would be announced April 19, after the *Villager* went to print. Council hopes to publish the winners in the May issue.

♦ **Children of Faith PreSchool** and **Total Tranquility Salon** set up booths with the EDC to promote Lake Park businesses at the Union County Down to Earth Day festival April 5. **Lucas Landscape** and **TMC (Total Medical Care)** also donated items for a Lake Park gift basket at the event raffle that day. Resident David Brown captured the bronze in the 5k trail run that morning.

## P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ **Commissioner Opening:** Cathy MacArthur's 2-year term expires April 30. Any resident, 18 or over, may email their interest to Cheri Clark by April 27 and is asked to attend the April 28 meeting at the Community Center. Commissioners meet on 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays to plan care of parks and ponds and organize village events.

♦ **Lucas Landscaping** has completed the spring refresh of hardwood and pine straw mulch throughout the Village parks as part of their contract maintenance.

♦ **Faith United Methodist Church's** curb repair was completed before their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday event May 4.